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# MOVING? LEAVE GYPSY MOTHS BEHIND!



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Planning a move soon? Don't take gypsy moths along with you!! These destructive insects currently infest forests and wooded areas throughout much of the Northeastern United States . . . but they could spread farther unless you help!!

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**HITCHHIKERS:** Gypsy moths have a limited flight range, but they can "hitchhike" long distances in shipments of out-of-door items. Your lawn furniture . . . barbecue grill . . . garden tools . . . recreational vehicle . . . camping equipment . . . even the doghouse can be accidental carriers of these destructive pests.

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**TREE KILLERS:** Gypsy moth attacks can be disastrous! In the caterpillar stage, these pests feed on the leaves of trees and shrubs. They can damage campsites, playgrounds, parklands, and your backyard shade trees. A heavy infestation can strip a whole forest bare in a matter of days—making June seem almost like January!

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## **DO YOUR SHARE:**

**DON'T TRANSPORT**—Firewood cannot be moved from infested areas unless treated and certified by an authorized inspector.

**WASH**—Scrub outdoor household items carefully with a strong detergent solution *BEFORE* moving from infested areas.

**INSPECT**—Check all surfaces carefully. Look into joints, undersides of items, on both sides of wheels and in racks.

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## KNOW THE GYPSY MOTH YEAR-ROUND:

**EGG MASSES**  
Fuzzy, buff-colored  
Late July to mid-April



**PUPAE (COCOONS)**  
Brown, hardened  
Late June or early  
July



**LARVAE  
(CATERPILLARS)**  
Brown, hairy, red and  
blue dots on back  
Late April to mid-  
June



**ADULT (MOTH)**  
Male—brown;  
female—white  
10 to 14 days after  
pupa



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**DESTROY GYPSY MOTHS  
WHENEVER AND WHEREVER  
YOU FIND THEM!!!**

**If you find gypsy moths in any stage on your outdoor household goods,  
save one specimen before destroying the rest. Then notify your Federal  
or State plant protection and quarantine office. Look in the Federal or  
State Government pages of your telephone book under "Agriculture."**

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